



Term 3 Week 2

20 July 2015

## Big Plans for 2016

It may seem a little too early in the year to be planning for 2016, however this is exactly what Murrumburrah Public School executive will be doing very soon. With our current increase in enrolments, it is highly likely that we will re-establish an additional classroom for 2016. We will need to stock the classroom with furniture, teaching resources and new technology.

All students benefit from effective whole school planning and your support is greatly appreciated. We are asking all parents of children who will be **newly enrolling at MPS in 2016** to bring in their enrolment application as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss enrolment requirements.

Consideration also needs to be given to staffing, and our anticipated student enrolments for 2016 are to be lodged with the Department of Education on 5 August 2015.



Clare Crawford  
Principal

## Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Evening Thursday 30 July



We invite you to come along to our Parent Information Evening on **Thursday 30 July at 6.00pm**. The evening will provide helpful hints to assist you and your child as you prepare for the transition to 'big' school. There will be an opportunity for parents to view activities we access within our classrooms, listen to the experiences of current Kindergarten parents and to receive an overview of our transition to school program. Come along for a cuppa and a chat! We look forward to seeing you.



# What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Parent Q&A Sessions 'How to help with spelling at home'	All parents invited	Tuesday 21 July 6.30pm	Free	
P&C Meeting	All parents invited	Tuesday 21 July 7.00pm	Free	
Year 1 Excursion to Canberra Theatre	Year 1	Thursday 23 July	\$30	

## Kids Rapt On Performing

Pictured in the foyer of the Griffith Regional Theatre is Murrumburrah Public School dance troupe just prior their rehearsal last Thursday. The rehearsal went very well with all dancers taking on additional instruction from the regional organisers to finely tune their dance "Happy". Mr Phillip Woodhead drove the bus and we are very grateful to him for putting in a big day to help us.

The dance troupe will travel to Griffith again on 30 and 31 July to participate in the KROP festival and we wish them all the very best.

Absent from the photo are Molly Glover, Jayda Kelly, Phoebe Lenehan and Annie Brooker.



## Phoebe runs State Cross Country

Last Friday Phoebe competed at the PSSA State Cross Country in Sydney. In very cold, freezing and challenging conditions Phoebe ran very well, completing in the course in a personal best time. Congratulations Phoebe on your excellent running achievements.



## Public Speaking



Improving students' writing is a whole school priority in our school plan. Research tells us to achieve this, there are a number of things we need to do. Developing students' talking and listening skills is an important step and therefore our whole school public speaking program is

a priority for us. All staff have contributed to the development of the program and Mrs Dodd became the co-ordinator of the program last year and continues in this important role this year.

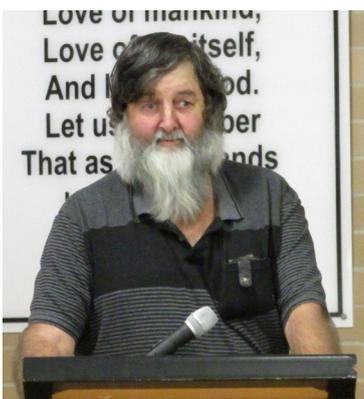
Parents and carers can help their children at home by *being present* when children are talking to them, asking for clarification of their thoughts and ideas and developing their vocabulary and for parents of older students, discussing current national and world events.



**Celebrating LOCAL HEROES EDUCATION WEEK 2015**

Event	Activity date	Comment
Open Classrooms followed by our Book Parade	Tuesday 28 July	Students can dress as their favourite local hero. Parents welcome to stay for recess
Trent Barrett Shield	Wednesday 29 July	Come along to Roberts Park Murrumburrah and see our teams in action
MHS Creative and Performing Arts evening	Wednesday 29 July commencing at 6.00pm	Come along and enjoy the talents of MPS and MHS students
KROP Dance Festival	Thursday 30 July Friday 31 July	Our talented dancers will take to the stage in Griffith
Kinder 2016 Parent Information Evening	Thursday 30 July 6.00pm	All welcome

**NAIDOC Assembly**



Mr Roy Levett was our very special guest during our NAIDOC assembly last Friday. Mr Levett explained some traditions of the local Wiradjuri people and the students were able to have their questions answered.

Mr Levett was so impressed with the students' questions, he has offered to come back to visit each classroom to provide further insight.

**Another Milestone for PBL**

For the first time at MPS, students received achievement awards that reflect our school's values of Respect, Responsibility and Empathy, during our assembly last Friday. Following consultation with students, teachers and parents, the new awards replace the previous friendship, sportsmanship and citizenship awards.



**100 Nights Home Reading**



Well done to Kinder student Katelyn McMillan who has completed 100 nights home reading. Fantastic effort Katelyn and keep on reading!

**Canteen News**

Families are advised that canteen will reopen this Friday 24 July. Canteen will operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Thank you to our volunteers who will be working in the canteen to provide this service. A canteen roster and menu have been sent home with this newsletter.

# P&C News

## Trent Barrett Shield

Trent Barrett Shield (a league tag/rugby league gala day for Years 3 and 4 students only) is being held next Wednesday 29 July 2015 at Roberts Park Murrumburrah. Once again the P & C has been lucky enough to have been asked to organise the canteen. Next Monday Year 3 and 4 parents will receive a roster for the day. If anyone else would like to help please call Treen Brooker on 0411 045 630.

## Table 8 Fundraiser

It is less than 4 weeks until our Table 8 Evening. Have you booked your table of 8-10? Get your friends together, book a table, pick your movie theme and you are good to go! Dress as your table theme and dance the night away. Please contact the MPS office or Treen Brooker 0411 045 630 for tickets.



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## 'Learn to Live'



4/5D with their NAIDOC Week art at last weeks assembly